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SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION AT OAU SUMMIT OF EXPULSION OF ISRAEL
FROM UNGA

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IN VIEW OF ABSENCE OF FONMIN BIMAZUBUTE AND FON
OF DIRGEN

MANGONA, BOTH AT KAMPALA, AND OF HOPELESSNESS OF TRYING TO
GET SERIOUS MESSAGE ON ISRAEL TO TOP OF REGIME THROUGH ANYONE
ELSE IN FONOFF, WE HAVE SENT INFORMAL WRITTEN MESSAGE THROUGH
DIRECT CHANNEL TO PRESIDENT MICOMBERO, WHO WILL OF COURSE BE
AT OAU MEETING NEXT WEEK. TEXT GIVES BRIEF BACKGROUND OF UNGA
EXPULSION POSSIBILITY, NOTES ITS INCOMPATIBILITY WITH UN
CHARTER, EXPLAINS ITS POTENTIALLY RUINOUS EFFECT ON MID-EAST
PEACE TALKS, RAISES REPERCUSSIONS OF EXPULSION ON ATTITUDES
TOWARD UN OF ITS MAIN FINANCIAL BACKERS, AND REFERS TO U.S.
SENATE RESOLUTION.

I THINK THAT THESE POINTS COULD HAVE SOME INFLUENCE WITH
MICOMBERO, WHO HAS NO PERSONAL ANIMOSITY TO ISRAEL OR TO JEWS.
SOME BURUNDIANS, SUCH AS INTERIOR MINISTER RWURI THIS WEEK,
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HAVE SIMPLISTIC NOTION THAT ISRAEL DESERVES LITTLE SYMPATHY

AS LONG AS IT IS DISOBEYING MANDATE OF UNSC RESOLUTION 242 TO EVACUATE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES. OTHERS, HOWEVER, INCLUDING NUMBER TWO PARTY BOSS BIZINDAVYI WHO WILL CARRY OUR MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT, ACCEPT LOGIC OF POSITION THAT ISRAEL CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO PULL BACK UNLESS IT RECEIVES ADEQUATE SECURITY ASSURANCES IN RETURN.

IN THIS CASE, REAL KEY FOR MICOMBERO WILL BE WHAT HE FINDS TO BE THE MOOD AND LINE-UP IN KAMPALA ON ISRAEL. CERTAINLY, BURUNDI WILL NEVER LET ITSELF STICK OUT IN ISOLATION OR IN SMALL MINORITY AMONG OAU STATES IN FAVOR OF ISRAEL. ON OTHER HAND, IF U.S. HAS PERSUADED KEY OAU MEMBER, SUCH AS EGYPT, TO TRY TO KEEP EXPULSION ISSUE FROM COMING TO OAU VOTE, AND IF ADDITIONAL RESPECTABLE AFRICAN SUPPORT CAN BE GENERATED, THEN THERE IS SOME CHANCE THAT BURUNDI WILL JOIN OTHER MODERATES.
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